

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies,
Procedures and Rules for the California Solar
Initiative, the Self-Generation Incentive Program
and Other Distributed Generation Issues.

Rulemaking 06-03-004
(Filed March 2, 2006)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUESTING COMMENT
ON STAFF PROPOSAL FOR PERFORMANCE BASED INCENTIVES
AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE**

In Decision (D.) 06-01-024, the Commission created the California Solar Initiative (CSI) and committed to providing \$2.8 billion in incentives toward solar development starting in 2006 through 2016. In Rulemaking (R.) 06-03-004, the Commission continues its work from earlier rulemakings to develop program rules and policies to accomplish its goals. When the Commission opened the above-captioned rulemaking, it specifically stated its intent to develop a detailed record on several unresolved CSI program issues over the course of the rulemaking.

By this ruling, I circulate to parties a proposal of the Commission's Energy Division staff, developed in consultation with staff of the California Energy Commission, which addresses the following issues:

- Performance-based incentives for solar photovoltaic (PV) installations;
- Federal tax credit considerations for the Commission's solar incentive levels;
- Incentive levels for solar technologies other than PV;
- Energy efficiency requirements for CSI applicants;

- Administration of the residential retrofit and small solar systems' portion of CSI;
- Metering requirements; and
- System size cap.

Parties are requested to comment on the proposal, including any specific questions posed in the proposal document. Energy Division staff will be available to answer questions regarding the proposal at a workshop on May 4, 2006. The workshop is not a forum to debate ideas or to propose alternate approaches. Parties should reserve such input for written comments. The workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hiram W. Johnson State Office Building, San Diego Rooms A/B/C, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Parties may file comments on the Energy Division staff proposal attached to this ruling no later than May 15, 2006.
2. Parties may file reply comments no later than May 26, 2006.

Dated April 25, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DOROTHY J. DUDA

Dorothy J. Duda
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requesting Comment on Staff Proposal for Performance Based Incentives and Other Elements of the California Solar Initiative on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 25, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

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